

# Pollution

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F C G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>

Turn on your tap and get hot and cold run-ning crud.

C G<sup>7</sup>

2. See the hal - i - buts and the stur - geons be - ing wiped out

C Am Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> // C C<sup>#dim</sup>

by de-ter - geons. Fish gotta swim and birds got - ta fly, But they don't last long

tempo ad lib. a tempo

G<sup>7</sup> C Am G F

if they try. Pol - lu - tion, Pol - lu - tion, You can use the lat - est tooth-

f ff

E F C G<sup>7</sup>  
 paste, And then rinse your mouth with in - dus - tri - al  
 C G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>  
 waste. 3. Just go out for a breath of air, And  
 4. Lots of things there that you can drink, But  
 C C<sup>7</sup>  
 you'll be read - y for Med-i - care, The cit y streets are real-ly  
 stay a-way from the kitch-en sink, \*Throw out your break-fast gar-bage, and I've  
 F F<sup>#dim</sup> C C<sup>#dim</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C Am  
 quite a thrill, If the hoods don't get you the mo-nox-ide will. Pol - lu - tion, Pol -  
 got, a hunch that the folks down-stream will drink it for lunch. So go to the  
 2nd time: a tempo

\* Alternative lyrics may be used here to fit the local situation, e.g.,

The breakfast garbage they throw out in Troy/They drink at lunch in Perth Amboy.

The breakfast garbage they throw out in Troy / They drink at lunch in Perth Amboy / The breakfast garbage that you throw into the Bay / They drink at lunch in San José

G F E F

lu - tion, wear a gas mask and a veil, —  
cit - y see the cra - zy peo-ple there, — Then you — can  
Like lambs to — the

<sup>1</sup> C G7 C G7 | <sup>2</sup> C

breathe long as you don't in - hale. slaughter, —

F Em Dm C Am F Em Dm C Am

They're drink - ing — the wa - ter — and

Dm7 G7 G7-9 C F Eb Db C C6

breath - ing (cough. . . . . ) the air. > > >

ff